

in physician discipline cases. The training shall include medical terminology, medical ethics, and, to the extent practicable, descriptions of basic medical and surgical procedures currently in use.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2007, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Office of the Attorney General shall:

(1) review the process for the investigation of self-referral cases by the health occupations boards;

(2) recommend a revised investigative process for self-referral cases that includes the determination of investigative resources for the health occupations boards in the investigation of self-referral cases; and

(3) report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on their findings, recommendations, and any legislative or regulatory changes necessary to implement any recommended changes.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Physicians shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, on or before December 31, 2008, regarding:

(1) how many complaints reviewed by two peer reviewers resulted in disagreement between the peer reviewers; and

(2) of these complaints, how many resulted in charges being brought against a licensee.

~~SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for fiscal 2009, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill funding for an additional 7 new regular positions as compliance analysts for the State Board of Physicians, to be fully funded by the Board of Physicians Fund established under § 14-207 of the Health Occupations Article, in order to efficiently investigate complaints and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.~~

~~SECTION 5, 9, 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of § 8-404 of the State Government Article requiring a preliminary evaluation do not apply to the State Board of Physicians prior to the evaluation required on or before July 1, 2012.~~